



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 7170

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING AN EXTENDED FAMILY GUARDIANSHIP AND
ASSISTED CARE PILOT PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective October 1, 2007*) (a) The Probate Court
2 Administrator shall establish, within available appropriations, an
3 Extended Family Guardianship and Assisted Care Pilot Program in the
4 regional children's probate court for the district of New Haven,
5 established pursuant to section 45a-8a of the general statutes. The
6 purpose of the pilot program shall be to decrease the number of
7 children who are placed out of their communities and in foster care
8 due to abuse and neglect by reaching out to extended family members
9 in the community and appointing them guardians, and seeking
10 volunteers to act as assisted care providers to assist guardians in caring
11 for children. Under the program, each guardian appointed by the court
12 shall be eligible to receive a maximum grant of five hundred dollars
13 per child.

14 (b) The Probate Court Administrator shall adopt regulations, in
15 accordance with chapter 54 of the general statutes, for purposes of this
16 section. The regulations shall establish the eligibility criteria for

17 becoming a guardian and an assisted care provider under the program
18 and the awarding of grants pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

19 (c) On or before January 1, 2009, the Probate Court Administrator,
20 or a designee, shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
21 general statutes, to the joint standing committee of the General
22 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the judiciary and
23 the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
24 matters relating to children, on the status and effectiveness of the pilot
25 program established pursuant to subsection (a) of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow children who may be placed out of their communities and in foster care due to abuse or neglect with the option to remain in their communities by encouraging extended family members to become guardians and volunteers to act as assisted care providers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]